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Previously in Spawn:

Al Simmons was a hit man for the US government until his C.O. Jason Wynn, betrayed him and a mysterious assassin ended Al's life. At the moment of death, Al was offered a deal by the demon Malebolgia and returned to Earth as Spawn, a creature with supernatural powers born in Hell.

As Armageddon consumed the world, Spawn turned against his masters, destroying all life on Earth. While God and Satan continue their endless conflict in a parallel universe, Spawn has re-created the world and resurrected the human race in what has become known as the White Light. The portals to Heaven and Hell are closed, leaving humanity free from the influence of angels and demons. Or so he believed...

After a reunion with his brother, Richard, Al's long-buried memories have re-surfaced. It seems that the mysterious Mammon has been manipulating the Simmons bloodline for generations. As Mammon draws the threads of his plot together, Spawn is attacked by a Vrykolakas, the ancient precursor of the Vampire. Its bite infects him and Al falls into a fever dream, where he battles against the will of his increasingly powerful symbiotic costume. When the costume tries to force him to kill his beloved Wanda, Al is literally torn apart as he rejects the costume.

On the island of Limbo, somewhere between Earth and the Afterlife, Al and Wanda are re-united with Al's companion, the Wiccan, Nyx and Cyan, who have been led here by a vision. At last, Mammon unveils the plan he has been hatching. For centuries he was the herald of Hell on Earth, searching out candidates to become Hellspawn. But all the while he was planning to breed the ultimate Spawn, who would rule the Earth at his side. It was he who brought the bloodlines of Al Simmons and Wanda Blake together to create an unholy child – the child that Al and Wanda believed had been miscarried before birth.

That child did not die. She was raised by Mammon and the Vrykolakas. Her name is Morana and now, on her eighteenth birthday, she has taken her birthright, bonding with the costume and acquiring the powers of Spawn. This is a Spawn more ruthless than any we have seen and she bears no love for Al and Wanda. As she is about to kill them, Cyan has another vision of the far future, where she meets a wise old woman, who is chronicling the history of Spawn. She shows Cyan the only possible way to stop Morana. As she wakes from her vision, Cyan tells Al that he must summon the Legion, the souls of those who died at the same hour as Al Simmons.

As the Legion erupts from Al's subconscious mind and prepares to do battle with Morana, Cyan tells Nyx that the old woman has warned her, that the Legion is doomed to fail.



THIS IS IT THEN.
**THE FINAL
CHAPTER.**

AT
LEAST FOR
THIS
PLAYER.

I'VE BEEN
PUTTING OFF
WRITING IT FOR
TOO LONG.



AND
THOUGH I PRAYED
IT GO DIFFERENTLY,
THERE WASN'T
ANYTHING I COULD
DO TO CHANGE
THINGS.

GOD
WASN'T
LISTENING.



SO NOW,
ALL THAT'S
LEFT IS FOR ME
TO MAKE A
RECORD OF THE
OUTCOME.

"As Cyan watched the last of the Legion attack Morana, she knew that she was responsible for what would happen next. The weight of that burden and guilt would stay with her for the rest of her life."



"At first it seemed that her visions had been wrong. That the LEGION wielded sufficient power to fend off any attack thrown their way."


LOSE?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHY BRING THEM HERE JUST TO FAIL?

THEY'RE A DISTRACTION.

SOMEONE ELSE IS GOING TO FINISH THIS.

YEA? WHO THE HELL IS THAT?



"Though they fought with the ferocity of true warriors, in her heart, Cyan knew they were doomed to lose."



BECAUSE I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE READY TO PUT UP A FIGHT.



GRAND-FATHER!

BEHIND YOU!



NO!



KUMIKO...
AVENGE
ME.



"For a second time, Kumiko watched her grandfather die, and as his body disintegrated, she attacked Morana with renewed fury."

DEMON!

I'll
KILL
YOU!



"Though they fought valiantly, the Legion never stood a chance."

"In the shadows Al Simmons watched helplessly as the courageous Kumiko was ripped apart."

SHE'S TOO POWERFUL.

NO.

IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS.

MAAGH

AL!

YES! LOOK AT HIM. HE'S PART OF THEM.

PART OF THEIR PAIN.

YOUR HUSBAND NEVER CAME BACK FOR YOU.

THAT MAN'S STILL ROTTING IN A GRAVE!





"Simmons watched as Morana destroyed the last of the Legion, and with each passing moment he realized Mammon's words were true. He had **ALWAYS** been Mammon's puppet.

"Even after he took everything from him. His wife. His daughter. **HIS LIFE.**"

"Mammon had won."





GET
OUT OF HERE,
CHRISTO-
PHER!

SAVE
YOURSELF!



YES!
BUT NOT
BECAUSE
I'M AFRAID. I
KNOW WHAT'S
ON THE
OTHER
SIDE.

I'VE
SEEN
IT.

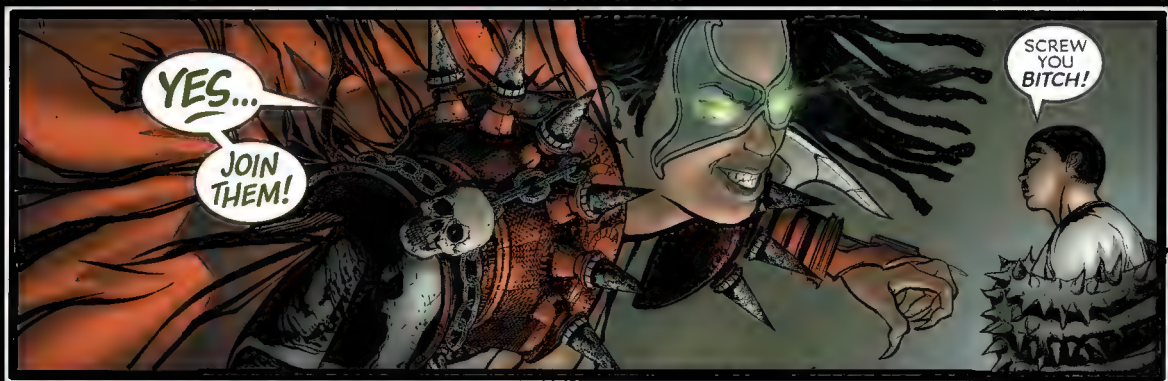
IT'S
BEYOND
HEAVEN AND
HELL, A PLACE
YOU CAN
BE AT
PEACE.

YOU
NEED TO
LET GO.



COME
WITH
US-S-S-S-S.







SHE'S CORRECT, THE EMOTIONAL DAMAGE DONE TO WANDA WILL TORTURE HER FOREVER. BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT THE ONE THING THAT WOULD HAVE COMPLETED YOUR LIFE WITH HER...



THE ONE THING THAT WOULD HAVE MADE YOUR LIFE PERFECT-- WAS A **CHILD**. AND YOU LET THAT SLIP AWAY BECAUSE OF YOUR ANGER.

IT TOOK YOU OVER. AND NOW, IT'S **COST YOU EVERYTHING!!**



NYX-- YOU HAVE TO ATTACK NOW, WHILE SHE'S WEAK FROM HER BATTLE.

WEAK? ARE YOU CRAZY?

LOOK AT HER!

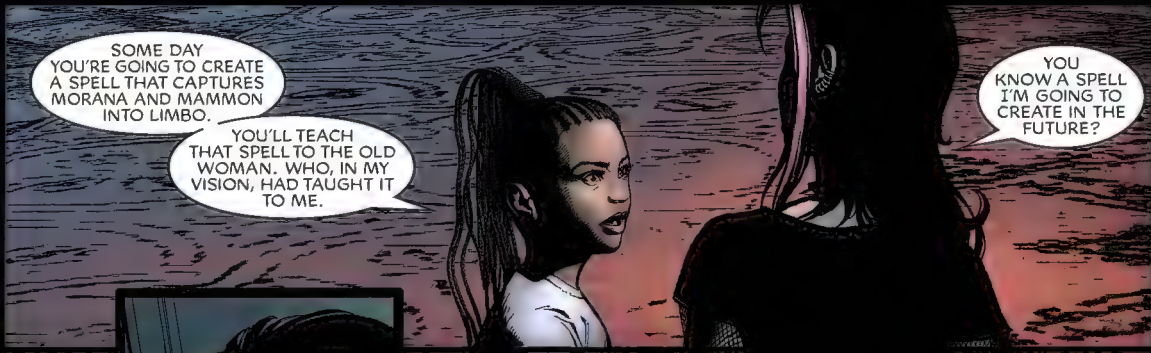


THE OLD WOMAN SAID TO USE A BINDING SPELL.

I DON'T KNOW ONE POWERFUL ENOUGH.



I DO.



SOME DAY
YOU'RE GOING TO CREATE
A SPELL THAT CAPTURES
MORANA AND MAMMON
INTO LIMBO.

YOU'LL TEACH
THAT SPELL TO THE OLD
WOMAN. WHO, IN MY
VISION, HAD TAUGHT IT
TO ME.

YOU
KNOW A SPELL
I'M GOING TO
CREATE IN THE
FUTURE?



I'LL
EXPLAIN IT
LATER.



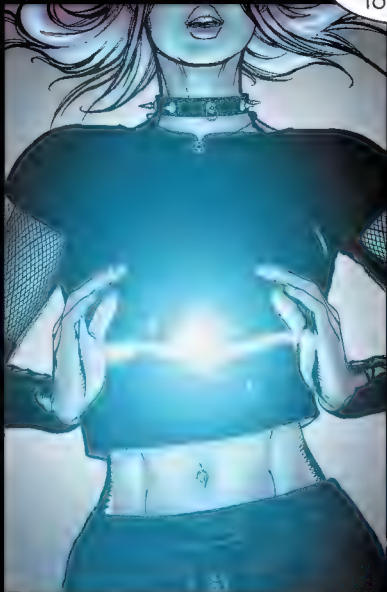
RIGHT
NOW, SPAWN
NEEDS YOU. WE
ALL DO.

TODAY
IS HIS DAY
OF RECKONING.
HE'S GOING TO
FINALLY REALIZE
WHAT HE
MUST DO.



WHAT HE
SHOULD HAVE
DONE LONG
AGO.

SPAWN. MY
MOM. YOU. IT
**ALL CHANGES
TONIGHT.**



FOREVER.
OPEN YOURSELF
UP TO IT.





MAMMON!
WHAT'S SHE
DOING?

I... BIND...
THEE!

ALL YOUR
HATE-- AND
YOUR EVIL,
THEY'LL SPREAD
NO FURTHER.

I BIND
THEE!

THE CRUSADE
OF THIS SPAWN WILL
BE FINISHED **TONIGHT**.
THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO
LIVE WITH THE GUILT OF
KNOWING YOU WERE
THE ONE THAT TRULY
WOKE HIM UP!

THAT YOU
WERE THE ONE
THAT CREATED
YOUR OWN
DOWNFALL.*

*Next issue is the beginning
of that downfall-- *Tom*.





YOU
CAN'T KNOW
THAT.

WHY?

BECAUSE YOU'VE
LIVED SO LONG WITHOUT
ANYONE OPPOSING YOU? YOUR
ARROGANCE HAS **BECOME** A LIABILITY.
YOU TALK ABOUT SPAWN AND **HIS**
ANGER, WELL YOU JUST PINNED INTO
A CORNER THE ONLY BEING THAT
CAN **DESTROY** YOU.



BUT WHAT'S
WORSE-- **GODDAMN**
YOU!-- IS THAT THIS SAME
SPAWN HAS THE ABILITY
TO DESTROY **ALL** OF
US, **EVERYTHING** IN
EXISTENCE!



SO IF
YOU HAVE A
DEATHWISH-- FINE!
BUT WHY COULDN'T
YOU LEAVE THE
REST OF US OUT
OF THIS?



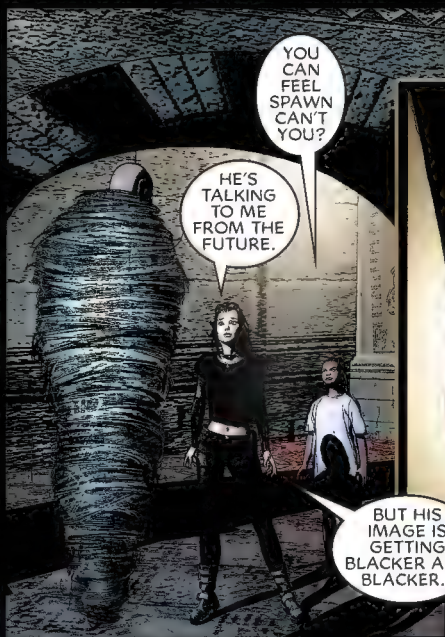
WHY DID
YOU HAVE TO
DOOM ALL
OF US?



why?



WHAT
COULD YOU
HAVE POSSIBLY
BEEN
THINKING?

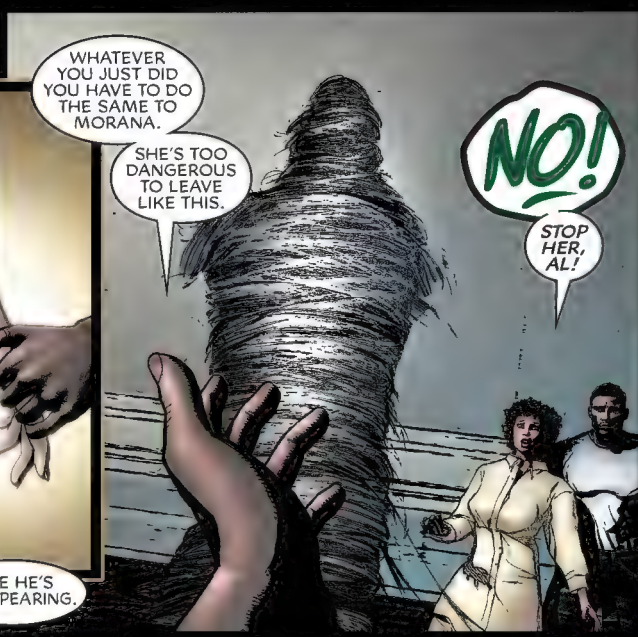


YOU CAN FEEL SPAWN CAN'T YOU?

HE'S TALKING TO ME FROM THE FUTURE.

BUT HIS IMAGE IS GETTING BLACKER AND BLACKER...

LIKE HE'S DISAPPEARING.



WHATEVER YOU JUST DID YOU HAVE TO DO THE SAME TO MORANA.

SHE'S TOO DANGEROUS TO LEAVE LIKE THIS.

NO!

STOP HER, AL!



THAT'S NOT YOUR DAUGHTER-- OR MINE. SHE'S A TRAP! A LIE TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE YOU'D LOST SOME PART OF YOU.

DON'T DO THAT TO YOURSELF.

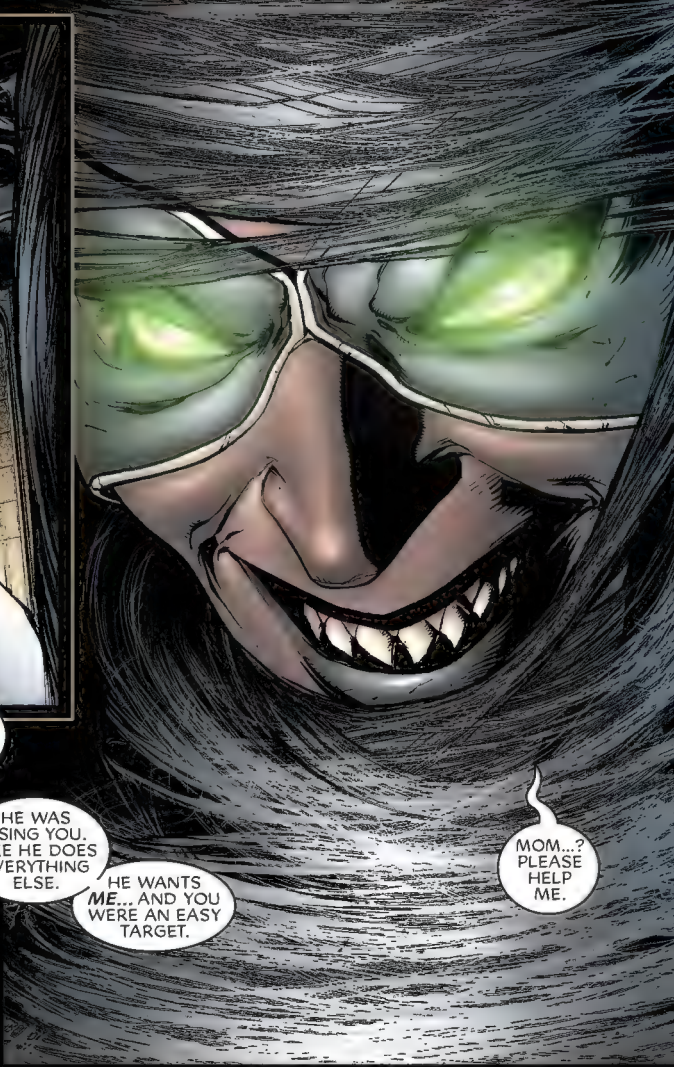
NYX, DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO.



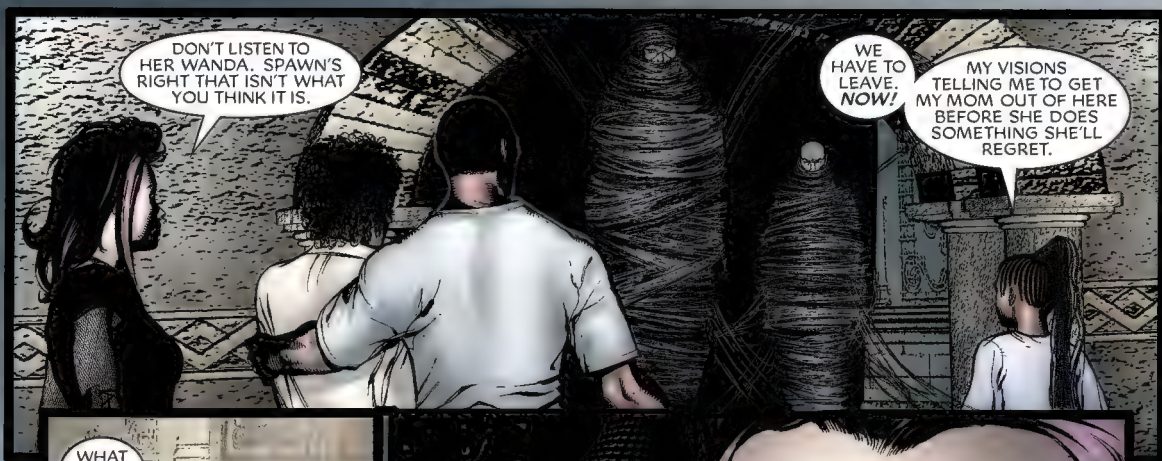
ALL OF THIS WAS JUST A WAY TO GET BACK AT ME.

HE WAS USING YOU. LIKE HE DOES EVERYTHING ELSE.

HE WANTS ME... AND YOU WERE AN EASY TARGET.



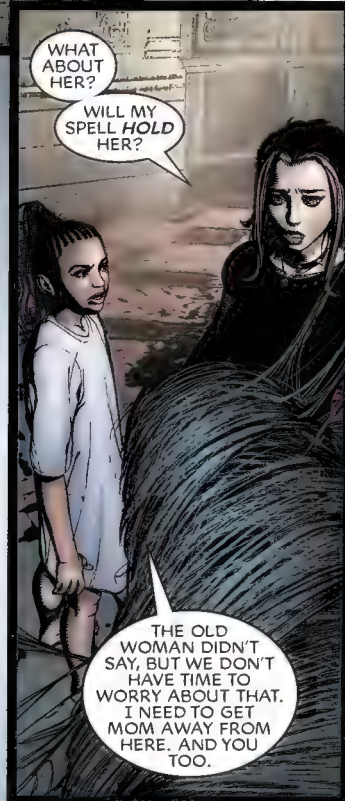
MOM...? PLEASE HELP ME.



DON'T LISTEN TO HER WANDA. SPAWN'S RIGHT THAT ISN'T WHAT YOU THINK IT IS.

WE HAVE TO LEAVE. NOW!

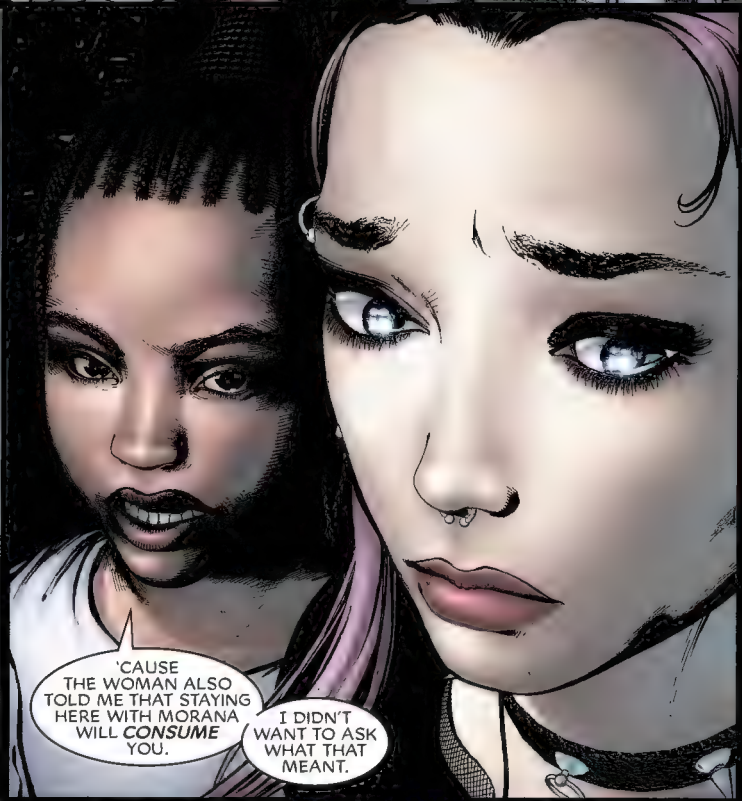
MY VISIONS TELLING ME TO GET MY MOM OUT OF HERE BEFORE SHE DOES SOMETHING SHE'LL REGRET.



WHAT ABOUT HER?

WILL MY SPELL HOLD HER?

THE OLD WOMAN DIDN'T SAY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. I NEED TO GET MOM AWAY FROM HERE. AND YOU TOO.



'CAUSE THE WOMAN ALSO TOLD ME THAT STAYING HERE WITH MORANA WILL CONSUME YOU.

I DIDN'T WANT TO ASK WHAT THAT MEANT.

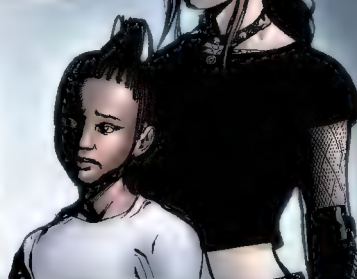


SO WE JUST LEAVE HER?



YES. NOW JUST RELAX.

I'LL CONJURE A SPELL TO GET US SOMEWHERE SAFE.





COME, AL.
YOU HAVE TO
BE WITHIN THE
SPHERE.

NO.

HE'S
NOT
COMING
WITH
US.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

HE'S GOING
SOMEWHERE *ELSE*.
THE OLD LADY, SHE
KNOWS.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



DOESN'T
SHE?

SHE KNOWS
WHAT YOU'RE GOING
TO DO, RIGHT?

DID SHE
TELL YOU WHAT
THAT WAS?

NO.

GOOD. YOU
DON'T NEED TO
KNOW.

WILL IT
HURT?

I'M NOT
SURE.



BUT I'VE
GOT TO DO IT--
THAT'S THE ONLY
WAY ANY OF
THIS EVER WILL
STOP.



TAKE
CARE OF THEM
WANDA. THEY'LL
NEED YOUR
STRENGTH.

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF. YOU
DON'T DESERVE
TO HURT ANY-
MORE.

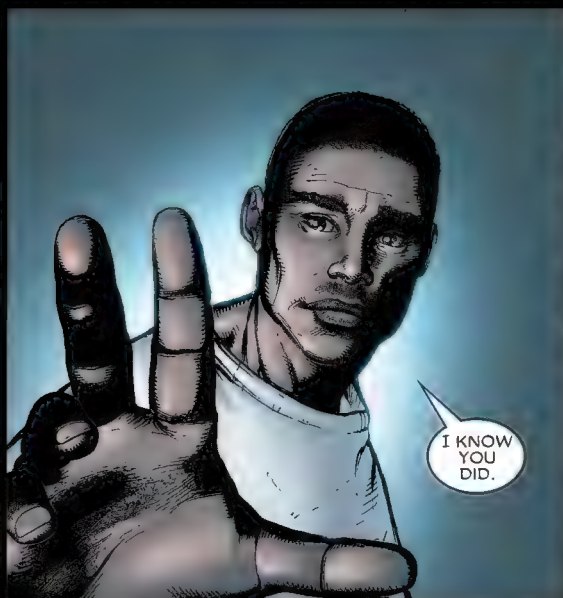


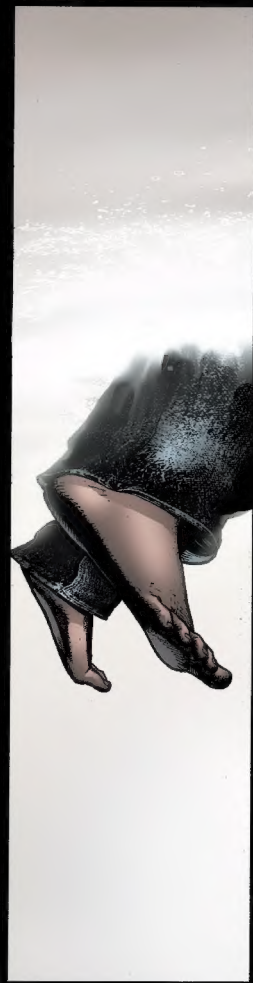
AL...



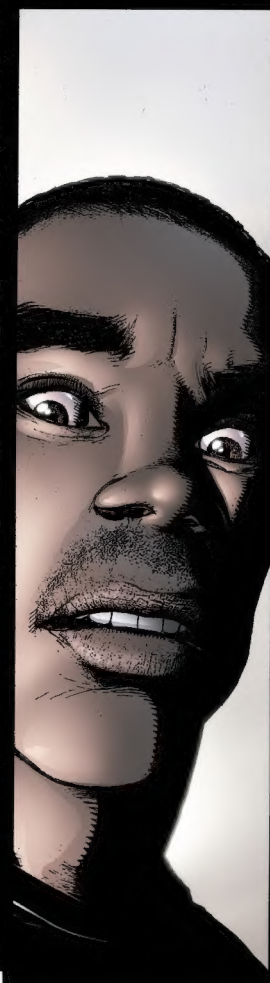
please.

I WISH I
COULD HAVE
BEEN A BETTER
HUSBAND.





*"And so it
began..."*



*"Beneath a carpet of discarded souls,
this Spawn needed to touch the place
of his BIRTH one last time."*



"Only this time there wasn't anything there for him. And he knew his journey would be long and gruelling until he could find the DOORWAY he needed to cross."



"Day after day he walked."

"And as each day passed, his resolve grew stronger."



"Mammon's plan had backfired. Instead of breaking the spirit of this creature, it instead lit a spark deep inside the Spawn's belly."



"And that spark was soon to be turned into a RAGING INFERNO."

"I've seen the results of what happened after that day... and may God have mercy on those that once stood in his way."

"But even that prayer is hollow now because BOTH Heaven and Hell fell in the wake of Spawn's revenge. Making God AND his mercy, nothing more than a mere memory."

I KNOW
WHAT I
HAVE TO
DO.



"In toppling them both he became the greatest hero and the greatest villain known to mankind. For me he was neither, he was and always will be exactly what I first saw in him as a child..."

"...he was the SAD MAN."



**next issue: the beginning of SPAWN'S
NEW DIRECTION!**





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE